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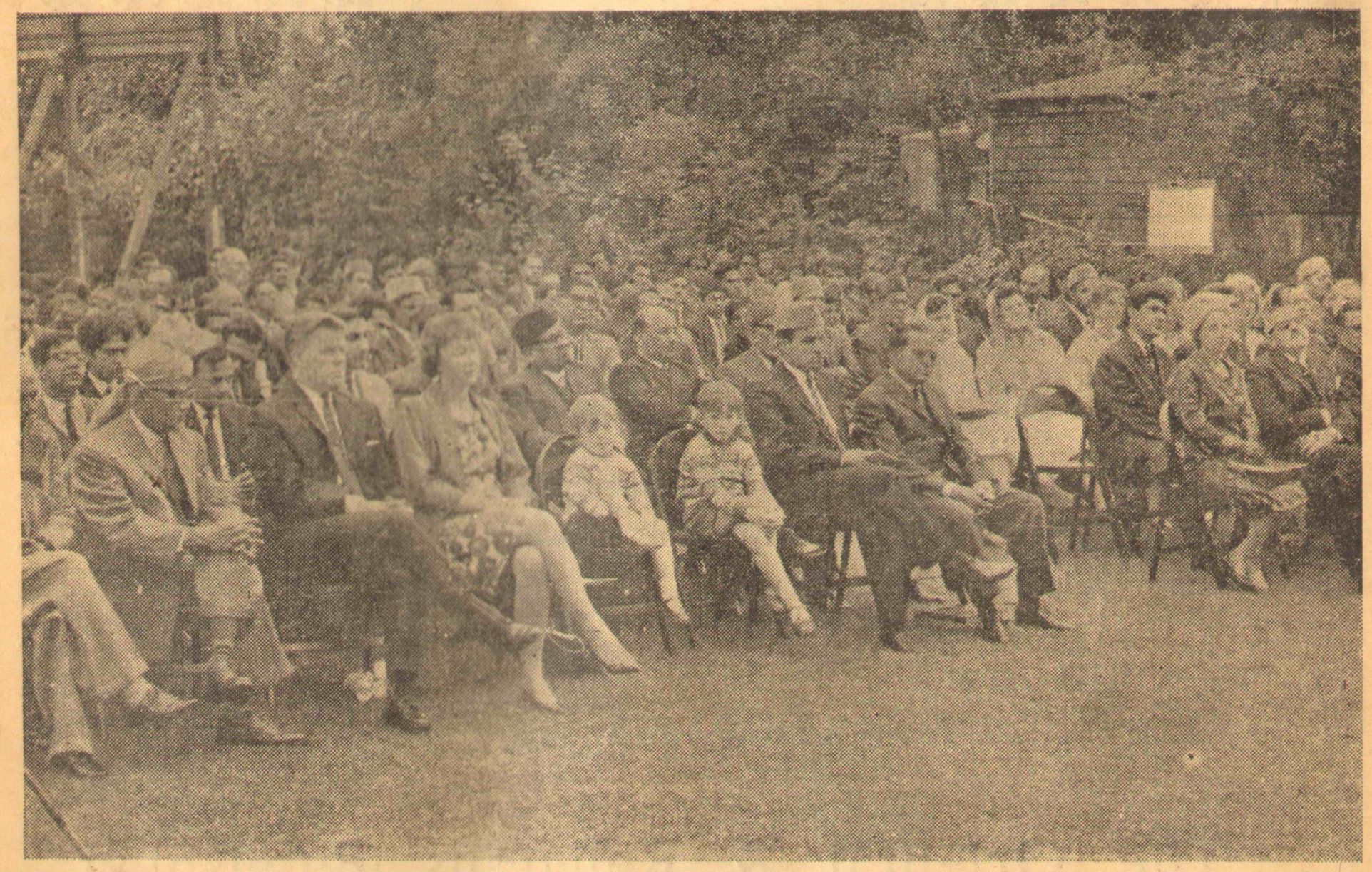

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Below we reproduce the text of the Message of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III to the Ahmadiyya Community, Ghana on the occasion of their 41st Annual Gathering held at Saltpond, the local headquarters, on 6th, 7th and 8th January, 1966. — *Editor*

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اعوذ باللہ من الشیطن الرجیم

بسم اللہ الرحمن الرحیم — نحمدہ و نصلی علی رسولہ الکریم

خدا کے فضل اور رحم کے ساتھ

ھو الناصر

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Assalamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahe Wa Barakatohu.

May Allah shower His unlimited blessings on you for generations to come and may He grant you all the opportunity to tread in the path of His choice and pleasure and may He be with you ever and always. Amen.

It has been a great pleasure to learn that on the occasion of your Annual Conference you have gathered together to hear the message of Allah and His Prophet (on him be peace and blessings), to pray for the triumph and glory of Islam and to find out ways and means towards the early realisation of that end. I pray to Allah that He bless this Gathering and those who attend it and indeed all Ahmadis of Ghana and shower His choicest of favours on you all in His infinite grace and mercy. May Allah make this conference a means of not only refreshing and fortifying your faith but also an occasion for self-examination and reform so that you leave the Conference with a new spirit of dedication and resolve.

May Allah, through this Conference, open up new paths towards the propagation and preaching of the message of Islam throughout West Africa and enable all peoples inhabiting this part of the world to recognise the one and only God, to have a personal experience of His Being, to embrace Islam as you have done and to drink deep at the fountain of divine bliss and bounty. Amen.

By the grace of God, Ahmadis of Ghana are a devoted Jamaat which, in numerical strength, is perhaps next only to Ahmadis of Pakistan. God has given you the will and opportunity to make all sacrifices for the cause of Islam. You have a sizable budget to finance its educational and missionary activities,

and have so far successfully established a number of Primary, Middle, and Secondary Schools. May Allah accept your sacrifice and enhance your spirit of dedication.

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Let us, for a moment, pause and go back some eighty-six years and visualise Qadian as a small and obscure village in the hinterland of the undivided Indian subcontinent, some eleven miles away from the nearest railway station. Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani (on him be peace) was unknown and alone, deprived of all material means. Elders in the family would pityingly wonder how he could survive and who would look after him. But Allah made him His own and chose him and commissioned him to reform the world and addressed him thus :

> "A warner came unto this world and the world accepted him not. But Allah will accept him and establish his truth through powerful signs. Before long, he will be given a land and Allah will disclose hidden treasures to him. This is a blessing from your God but to your eyes (it is something) unusual. Shortly we shall show signs among you and all around you."
>
> (Izalai Auham 632-36)

The revelations contained such a great claim that even Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani, the Promised Messiah (on him be peace), must have marvelled as is clear from the divine words :

> "This is blessing from your God but looks unusual to you".

And was it not really unusual and something to marvel at ? A person who is alone and weak and unknown and helpless, who lacks wealth and other material means, is given the promise of a vast and unlimited treasures. He is assured that the truth of his claim shall be established through powerful signs. He is informed of his subsequent triumph and victory, and is invested with testimonials of divine acceptance supported by a host of signs from God. Since then, much water has flown under the bridge. In keeping with the divine promises the triumphant mission of Hazrat Ahmad (on him be peace) is on the march all over the globe in all corners of the world. A vast number of emancipated souls from East, West, North and South, in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas are irresistably being drawn to

his fold and are having their share of divine bliss in ever increasing numbers.

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It is indeed a mighty and living sign of the powers of a living God and every one of you is a living witness of its truth. You will personally bear out how truly divine promise was fulfilled and how God, in keeping with His Word, established the truth of Islam through mighty onslaughts and caused great signs to appear in support of its claim. Allah be thanked for this. Verily, it is no ordinary divine favour that throughout the world whole nations continue to embrace Islam. Verily, it is a great manifestation of the power and majesty of our all powerful God. He whom the world refused to accept stands triumphant through divine support and succour. My dear brethren and sisters, every one of you, therefore, is a living sign of a living God, and a witness to the truth of Islam and the Promised Messiah (on him be peace). God, therefore, conferred no ordinary favour on you when he granted you the opportunity and courage to recognise the Promised Messiah and embrace Islam. You can never adequately thank God for this favour. The best way to thank Him is to identify yourselves with what Islam stands for and imbibe its spirit and follow its commandments in detail whatever the odds and live Islam and symbolise its message in your persons and be living examples of Islam so that others too are attracted to its fold when they look at you.

I call upon you and exhort you all to dedicate your lives to convey to others the Message of the Promised Messiah (on him be peace) and pledge your all for the service of Islam.

On this august occasion I must also emphasise that your affiliation and loyalty to Khilafat must continue to be very close and profound. Always hearken to the Call of the Centre which reaches you from time to time through the Missionaries, for Khilafat is the Source of the light which through divine grace has illumined your hearts.

I also call on you to offer unreserved co-operation to the local office holders of the Community and the Missionaries in every thing good and set up the highest standard of loyalty and obedience to them all. For, did not our Lord and Master Hazrat Mohammad, the Messenger of Allah, on him be His peace and blessings, say :

"He who obeys my deputy obeys me and he who disobeys my deputy disobeys me".

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The Promised Messiah is deputy to the Holy Prophet, on him be peace and blessings, and the Khulafa of the Promised Messiah are his deputies. Therefore, the office holders and Amirs appointed by them should command your complete allegiance and full co-operation. This indeed is the one pride and distinction of the Ahmadiyya Movement. And needless to say that all divine favours and blessings depend on a scrupulous regard for and obedience to the Khilafat and its representatives.

May Allah cause my words to sink home and find an abiding place in your hearts and grant you all the strength and courage to follow my advice in all respects.

May Allah be with you.
With the deepest of affection and regard,

Yours affectionately,
(Mirza Nasir Ahmad)
Khalifatul Masih III

Dated 27th Dec. 1965.

Fazl-i-Omar Foundation

There is no better way of keeping the memory of a great leader fresh for all the days to come than to carry on the work for which he lived and gave his life. Life is not really and truly measured by the years that a man lives in this world but the amount of work that he does and the longevity of the period during which his work is carried on by the people who come after him.

Hazrat Muslih Mauood, may God be pleased with him, had only one ambition and that was to make Islam dominant over all other religions, and it can be safely said that his work was just the continuation of the work of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, and that is why his tenure of Khilafat is also considered to be a part and parcel of the advent of the Promised Messiah himself. To carry on the work that Hazrat Muslih Mauood did the whole of his life, is the best method of keeping him in our memories as fesh as if he still lives with us.

Fazl-i-Omar Foundation has been established to do just that.

Have you donated towards this Fund? If you have not, you should do so without any further delay.

One of the main tasks of this Foundation will be to prepare more Missionaries for all the parts of the world—that you will agree with us is the most urgent need of the time.

Intactness of Scriptures

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Hazrat Ahmad, peace be on him, was raised to revive and revitalise Islam in this Age. The greatest stress that he laid was on the purity and intactness of the Holy Quran. In fact the whole of his life, he continued drawing the attention of the people to the fact that the only living religion is Islam and the only living Book. the Holy Quran.

At the same time he also p r o v e d conclusively that the Bible had undergone changes and that showed that this could not be looked upon as a guide for mankind. In order to strike a comparison b e t w e e n the books of various religions, he advised their followers to adduce every argument in support of their c l a i m s , from their scriptures. That is the one and only t h i n g that can conclusively prove to them the value of what they possess.

What do others think of the importance of intactness of scriptures ?

The Author of 'The Rise and Fall of Religions' says

> "It will be useless to say to the rank and file the religion is one thing and its Scriptures another. So long as a religion p l a y s with Scriptures as one of its assets, the pundits may separate between the two things, but it is too much to suppose that the rank and file of men will not estimate the correctness or incorrectness of the religion in proprtion to the correctness or incorrectness of the Scriptures for which it is responsible. If it had no scriptures that would be quite a n o t h e r matter, but if it has, it c a n n o t get rid of them ; their fortunes are together linked, both must swim or sink together. This is our conclusion therefore : A religion is better without a Scripture than with it, unless the undisputable authority of s u c h is sustained ; but under these conditions it is an important means to its sustentation, the telling value of which can scarcely be overrated. It is of correlative value in this respect with the rites and ceremonies which give body to the soul and spirit of any given faith, which should naturally be the subject of our n e x t consideration, but it is one too large and important to be dealt with in any summary way, and t h e r e f o r e must form the subject of a n o t h e r , our next Lecture."

(pp. 118, 119)

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Warning for the Church

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Bishop A. B. Akinyele, of Nigeria was reported in the Daily Times of 23.2.1955 to have warned the Anglican Churches in his diocese against allowing the religion of Islam to appear as the true fulfilment of African religion. He said that Islam was making a strong bid to be regarded as the recognised religion of West Africa and that he had heard from more than one of the diocese in the province that Islam was making a great advance.

Islam is indeed making great advance. The credit justifiably goes to the Ahmadiyya Movement. The Vanguard, Bathurst, Gambia wrote in its issue of 13th December, 1958 "For many years efforts have been made by a group of Muslim enthusiasts to gain Government consent in allowing the Ahmadiyya Mission to enter the Gambia, in order to put into practice its main objective that of giving sound education both in English and Arabic to its adherents .... Coming nearer home it is firmly established in Sierra-Leone, Ghana and Nigeria where its institutions are turning out regularly thousands of scholars well instructed in English and Arabic."

The Daily Telegraph of Nigeria is not less conscious of the thrust that Islam is making through the efforts of our Missionaries. In its issue for 20th January, 1960, the said newspaper wrote editorially :

"In religion the Mecca School is on the assault war path every morning and every Friday with Maulvi Saifi as the Generalissimo."

With the grace of God, our Missionaries of Tahrik-i-Jadid who are working almost all over the world are busily engaged in advancing the cause of Islam. They are always on the alert and miss no opportunity of explaining to the world how Islam is far superior to all other religions and where the other religions fail to fulfil human needs in this age. Below we reproduce a letter from our Missionary in Dayton, U.S.A. published in the American Press :

In September Pope Paul VI addressed the United Nations General Assembly, attended by the delegates of 116 nations of the world. He gave them a message of peace. Earlier President Johnson had remarked, "It may be just what the world needs to get us thinking on how to achieve peace and getting us to make progress in this area.

But did the Pope give any new formula of peace to the world ? None whatsoever.

As a matter of fact, this century has seen catastrophe after catastrophe. The root cause of all this is that mankind has ceased to fulfil the object of their creation.

In the Bible we read : "And God said unto Noah the end of all flesh is come before me, for the earth is filled with violence through them ; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth" ..... Are not similar conditions obtaining in this earth to day ? If the answer is in the affirmative then where is Noah of this age ? For it was also told in the New Testament that the second coming of Jesus Christ will be like the coming of Noah : "... They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all."

Let the people of America — and for that matter the people of the whole world — know that Jesus Christ has already appeared in the person of Ahmad of Qadian, India (1835-1908) ..."

ABDUL HAMID
Imam, Dayton Mosque

WHAT WE DO !

In that continent (America) too, we have been successful in gaining converts to Islam. 'Panorama', the official organ of American Embassy in Pakistan has confirmed that 1000 Americans have joined Islam through Ahmadiyya.

In Europe which is the cradle of modern civilisation and which still exerts a powerful influence on Africa and Asia, we have our missions in England, West Germany, Holland, Switzerland and Spain. Much new ground has also been covered and missions have been opened in Norway, Sweden and Denmark, where due to their remoteness from Muslim Empires of old, Islamic influence had never reached before. The credit of introducing Islam into these countries exclusively belongs to our Jama'at. We have now flourishing communities of Danes, Swedes and Norwegians in the area.

Our mosques in London, Germany & Holland are permanent monuments to Islam in Europe. This year (1963) a mosque has been built in Zurich, Switzerland which is situated in the heart of the continent. The press comments which have appeared about this mosque nearly in 100 newspapers show that Christians have taken it to be a great challenge to their religion and looked on it as a bold attempt to Islamise Europe.

'Freidenker' a Swiss newspaper commenting on the march of Islam and the establishment of our missions in Europe says :

> 'In spite of all the self-assuring talk of the feeling of inner security of a Christian, the Christian Churches do not seem to be relieved of their worries. New worries continue to add to the old ones, One of these new worries is new Islam, to be more exact, today the truly aggressive Islam.'

(To be continued)

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"IN DEFENCE OF PAKISTAN"

Mian Mohammad Ibrahim Sahib, Headmaster, T. I. High School, Rabwah has the following to say about this booklet :

Dear Saifi Sahib, I have just gone through the booklet you have so kindly sent to me. Your contribution to Nigerian newspaprs in defence of Pakistan during its infancy must certainly have done a lot to explain the Muslim point of view that necessitated the bifurcation of the sub-continent and removed the misunderstanding and misgivings that had crept in the minds of the so-called nationalists in every part of the world. Pakistan had a peculiar position which needed elucidation and exposition in order to win over world opinion. You have done your motherland a real service by upholding its cause and wielded your facile pen in the best interest of your country and as the very name of the booklet suggests, you have gallantly defended your country in the way you have and justified the impression that Ahmadiyya Missionaries are useful and active on all fronts. Religious duties, we know, do not clash with political responsibilities.

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Yours sincerely,
Mohammad Ibrahim (Headmaster)

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